

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

President	Vice-President	Secretary Treasurer
Bill McMaster VY2WM	Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Charles Easter VY2CE

Minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting.

President Bill McMaster called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM	Charles Easter VY2CE
Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Richard Burke VY2RB
Brent Taylor VY2HF	Sterling Carr VY2SEC
William Caw VY2CAW	Dave Cosh VY2DAC
Brian Gorveatt VY2BG	Darrell MacArthur VY2OM
Therese Mair VY2TAM	Tiejing (Andy) Gong VY2AD
Doug Silliker VY2SD	

Also by remote attendance:

Ron MacKay VE1AIC	Micah Gallant VY2MIC
Bill Glydon VY2LI	Arthur Smith VY2BIT

Bill WM asked if there was any knowledge of an amateur sick or silent key. It was noted that Paul Hardy VY2CD of O'Leary is a SK.

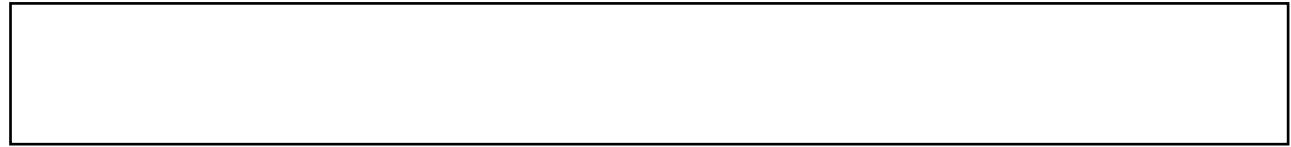
Announcements:

None noted.

Minutes of April 20, 2021 had been circulated to all members and no errors or emissions noted. It was moved by Dave, seconded by Richard that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Presidents report.

Bill VY2WM gave update on attending the Summerside club April meeting. Also Bill stated that the items he normally reported on will come up on the committee reports.



Dave VY2DAC gave an update on the discussions with the Charlottetown Water utility on the progress on the radio tower at the site in Winsloe. Seems that there was a change in the staffing of the engineering group and that has delayed the start of construction the tower. Also, there is discussion on building the tower higher than initially planned (up to 150 feet).

Field Day Committee:

Brian spoke on preparing antennas and needing frequency traps. There will be 2 Alpha stations with amplifiers, a GOTA station, a 6m station, a 2m station and Satellite contact. Also there are three generators available. Question was asked how many members will be available to operate and help with the logging of contacts.

Bill WM stated that WiFi will be available and there will be computers in the shack.

Brent spoke on the call sign and indicated that it would be VY2CRS.

Doug said the logging software he has can use any call sign. After discussion it was agreed that the main call would be VY2ARC with VY2CRS as secondary call sign.

Bill WM spoke on having the FD committee do a site visit at the cottage.

Brent volunteered to do media releases and advised he might get a drone to take aerial views of the FD site.

Web site:

Micah advised the club web page name is Charlottetownarc.com. Brent was able to project a draft of the web page on the screen for all of the members to view. The draft seems to be well done and the members present were in agreement.

Emergency Preparedness:

William VY2CAW spoke on the changes to Winlink by RAC and that it seems to be the default system for emergency communications.

Brent spoke on the exercise Smile which was a success and once it is set up it is a lot like using regular email. It was suggested that the new name will be Auxiliary Communication Services (ACS).

Minutes of May 18, 2021 page three

Brent indicated that there will be three levels of training, basic, mid-level and advanced.

There is a node in Halifax and one in Newfoundland but we will need one in the Charlottetown area.

Correspondence:

Charles reported no correspondence to the club other than emails between members. When asked, he emails to all members or all the hams he has email addresses for.

New business:

Bill WM asked about having the Thursday 80 meter net for the summer, it was agreed that he should try having it at 8:00 PM and continue the 2 meter Saturday Morning Virtual Breakfast Net as it is (8am).

Bill VY2WM said he feels the remote sign in for the club meeting was a success with four members signing in. He feels that the audio would be better with a remote speaker.

Information Exchange:

Doug VY2DS and Darrell VY2OM then gave a very interesting presentation of the logging software for use at the FD operations.

Dave VY2DAC adjourned the meeting 8:55 PM.

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Charles Easter VY2CE

Therese VY2TAM assisted with the recording of the minutes.